

PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

Hiroo MATSUNAGA, et al.

Appln. No.:

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For: VULCANIZATION PROCESS FOR PNEUMATIC TIRE AND MOLD THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claim:

a 9. (Amended) A vulcanization mold according to claim 7, wherein a chamfered portion or a notched portion communicating with the venting gap is arranged in a surface of at least one sub-ring among the adjoining sub-rings placed inward and outward in the radial direction contacting with the tire before the vulcanization.